

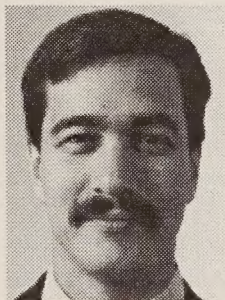
Rabbi's Column

Saying Goodbye

By now all of our members and many friends of CSZ have learned that I will be stepping down as rabbi of CSZ in June. After 11 years as rabbi of this exciting synagogue, it is time for me to move on. I am looking forward to spending more time with my partner and our son and to devoting myself to study in a more sustained way than is possible when leading a congregation.

I have been very touched by the notes, comments and hugs I have received from you; once again, I have been conscious of the blessings of being part of this caring community. Many of you have told me about your mixed emotions: sadness that I will no longer be the rabbi of the congregation and happiness for me in making an important decision in my own life.

One of the strengths of CSZ is that it is



Rabbi Yoel Kahn

possible to bring all of who we are here; for me, too, there are feelings of both sadness and excitement. There will be opportunities, formal and informal, to say goodbye in the spring. I also am very confident that the programs we have built together and the direction we have set over the last decade will be sustained and flourish as CSZ moves to its next stage. I am looking forward to an exciting program year ahead.

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We were all shocked and saddened by the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. The attendance of world leaders at the funeral was an indication that the peace process which he helped initiate enjoys the broad support of the international community—including some nations which had until now never publicly noticed Israel, let alone sent delegations. I was profoundly moved by the photo of Yasser Arafat paying a shiva call to Leah Rabin.

Amongst the loudest opponents of peace for Israel are right-wing Israelis

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President's Column

Shinui Vegidul — Change and Growth

Sha'ar Zahav without Yoel Kahn as our rabbinic leader? That question came to me when we spoke privately about his impending decision. I suppose such a question came to your mind too when you read our letters. Reflecting on our rabbi's desire to step down and nurture his family and intellectual needs and the impact this change would have on him and his family, I began to reflect on what that change would mean for us as a congregation and what I would personally miss without Yoel as our rabbi.

Almost immediately I witnessed what



David Stein

that change would mean to me. At a recent town hall meeting of the role of the non-Jew in our synagogue life, a question was raised regarding what halacha had to say about allowing non-Jews to perform certain mitzvot. In his two-minute response, Yoel took us all on a journey of legal tradition from pre-diaspora temple times, to the height of early rabbinic times, to a basic understanding of traditional halacha, to the growth of Reform Judaism and its quest for a changing and growing body of traditions, and then ending with a synopsis of Sha'ar Zahav's quest to create its own halacha reflecting our deeply rooted spiritual and philosophical principles. I knew at that moment that I would miss his responses and his abil-

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Join in the Chanukah Festivities

Come celebrate the Festival of Lights at our annual Chanukah bash! Our party will be held at Congregation Sherith Israel on Sunday, December 17, from 3:30-6:30 pm. This afternoon of singing, dancing, eating, and dreidel playing will begin with a performance by our own Rick Shelton, professional stand-up comedian and clown.

Following the show, we will snack on latkes, gelt, veggies, hummos, and more. At 5 pm, Jeff Forman, Chef Extraordinaire, along with two special mystery guests will demonstrate how to make gourmet latkes. You don't want to miss this! Chanukah candle lighting will take place at 5:30 pm to be followed by the raffle drawing. Our raffle prize is a round trip ticket for two to anywhere in the U.S.

The Gift Shop will be open during the party to allow you to prepare for the next seven nights. Admission is \$6 for members, \$8 for non-members. Please bring your own Chanukiot, candles and matches. We still need volunteers to help set up, cook, and help clean up, so if you are interested in contributing to our celebration, please contact Dana Katz, Program Coordinator, at the CSZ office. Happy Chanukah!

Project Open Hand

Sha'ar Zahav members will once again be participating in a volunteer effort to support Project Open Hand on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will be cooking, packaging and delivering meals and groceries to relieve some of the regular volunteers who will be taking a well-deserved holiday.

Sponsored by our Bikkur Cholim committee, this event has been very successful for the past five years, and personally rewarding for all who contributed a few hours of their time. You must sign up by December 12 to participate in this effort; a sign-up form is included in this issue. We will be filling 110 volunteer slots; we will send you a follow-up letter confirm-

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Chanukah—What Makes a Religion Judaism?

by Nina Wouk for the Ritual Committee

There are many written sources for the story of Chanukah, but they contradict each other, leaving us sure of very little. We have no way to know who actually fought for or against the Maccabees, how many there were on either side, or what their goals were. However their goals are less important than their, perhaps unintended, achievements.

Most modern historians agree that the Maccabees fought a civil war, against pro-Syrian Israelites. The populations of entire towns perished, for reasons that remain unclear. Some say that the Maccabees and their followers were small-town fundamentalists, who slaughtered educated city Jews. According to others, the only Jews who supported the Syrians were corrupt politicians, more interested in lining their pockets than in leading their people. There are no records to back up either position, only traditions and guesses.

Nor is there any agreement as to what the Maccabees were fighting for. Freedom of religion? It wasn't in their vocabulary. Their leaders were priests outraged at the desecration of the Temple; the kings descended from them forcibly converted whole nations to Judaism. Resistance to assimilation? Assimilation is the problem of a minority in a foreign land; the Maccabees were fighting for power in their own country. National independence? When the Syrians agreed not to interfere with the Jewish religion, most of the Maccabees' followers were satisfied and laid down their arms rather than fight for political freedom.

Sources ancient and modern agree about only one matter: one central issue was the limits of acceptable religious practice. In those times, the high priest was both religious leader and political governor. The war started when the high priest, whose politics were pro-Syrian, installed idols in the Temple and sacrificed pigs to them. He was the last Israelite leader to think that the nation's ritual practices and spiritual beliefs were infinitely flexible.

According to a Talmudic dictum, the customs that survive are those that Jews are willing to die for. Jews died en masse in the long civil war. An independent

state resulted, one in which a working consensus emerged as to which customs defined Jewish practice. The process of reaching consensus is lost to us, but the results are amply documented.

The state was not a rigid theocracy, but one that included many sects, major and minor. All agreed about a few essentials: monotheism, Shabbat and festival observance, circumcision and some form of dietary restriction.

Within those limits, disagreement was rife and often bitter. But members of both major sects, the Pharisees and the Sadducees, served the same government, as part of the same governing body. They had a basis for accepting each other's legitimacy.

According to Jacob Neusner, there have been many Judaisms, each created by a different community facing different challenges. We, like the generation of the Maccabees, face urgent questions about boundaries and connection. What makes our religion Jewish? What beliefs or practices make a religion something else? What, if anything, unites the Orthodox and Reform, mystical and politically activist, traditional and New Age Judaisms of our time? Our era may struggle its way to a far different consensus than did our ancestors. With luck, we will shed less blood in the creation of standards. But we face the same task: creating the definition of Judaism in this time, in this season.

Chanukah Party for Tots

You and your pre-school aged children are invited to celebrate Chanukah at a party all your own! On Sunday, December 17, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Oneg Room, we will sing songs, tell the Chanukah story, do a special art project and eat latkes together. We still need volunteers to assist in making this celebration a great success. If you can help in any capacity, please call Dana Katz, Program Coordinator at the CSZ office as soon as possible. See you there.

Early Shabbat Evening Services

Frustrated with crowding at CSZ's ever popular Friday night services? Torn between going to shul and having Shabbat dinner at home or with friends? Want to bring small children to services without having to miss the aleinu, or even the amidah, in honor of bedtime?

Beginning December 1, CSZ will have an early Kabbalat Shabbat service from 7-7:30 pm on the first Friday of each month. It will be a shortened version of the regular Friday night service, with candle-lighting and all the essential prayers, but with no sermon or Torah service.

The oneg afterwards will allow everyone to make kiddush but won't spoil anyone's appetite for dinner. There will be plenty of time to stay and shmooze. Adults and children of all ages are welcome.

We hope that our increasing variety of early services will make it easier for more members of the congregation to share the joy of welcoming Shabbat together.

Yona Barth-Rogers Bat Mitzvah

On Saturday, December 9, Yona Barth-Rogers will be called to the Torah on the occasion of her bat mitzvah. Yona is a tenth grader at Drew College Prep School in San Francisco, where her favorite subjects are history and math. Yona is an accomplished gymnast and also a piano player. This winter, she joins her high school ski team for some downhill action at



Yona Barth-Rogers

Alpine Meadows. Yona says that her bat mitzvah provides her with a new—more adult—opening to Judaism. She also says that being older means she takes her bat mitzvah more seriously than she would have three years ago. "I think a lot of kids have a bar or bat mitzvah at age 12 because it's expected of them. At 15 I've really thought about what it means for me." The congregation extends a *mazel tov* to Yona and her entire family.

Instructions for Lighting the Chanukah Menorah

The candles are placed in the menorah beginning on the right side. They are lit from the left so that the newest candle is lit first each night. The blessings, whether in the traditional or the alternative feminized version, are recited. As you prepare to light the candles each night, consider dedicating that evening's candles to a person, group or value that has helped or will help you ascend the ladder of holiness.

These are the same same blessings using feminine language:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצּוֹתַיִךְ וְצִוֵּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech ha-o-lam a-she-
kid-sha-nu be-mitz-vo-tav
ve-tzi-va-nu le-had-lik ner shel cha-nu-kah.

We praise the Eternal Source of Life,
Who sanctifies our lives through sacred deeds
and has taught us to light the Chanukah lights.

נְבָרֵךְ אֶת עֵין הַחַיִּים יוֹצֵרֶת הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁתָנוּ בְּמִצּוֹתֶיךָ וְצִוֵּתָנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Ne-va-rech et Ein ha-Cha-yim yo-tzer-et ha-o-lam
a-she- kid-shat-nu be-mitz-vo-tai-ha
ve-tzi-vat-nu le-had-lik ner shel cha-nu-kah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבּוֹתֵינוּ
בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam she-a-sah
ni-sim la-vo-tei-nu
ba-ya-mim ha-hem ba-ze-man ha-zeh.

We praise the Eternal Source of Life,
Who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors
at this season in ancient times.

נְבָרֵךְ אֶת עֵין הַחַיִּים יוֹצֵרֶת הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁעָשְׂתָה נִסִּים לְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ
בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Ne-va-rech et Ein ha-Cha-yim Yo-tzer-et ha-o-lam she-as-tah
ni-sim
le-i-mo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim ha-hem ba-ze-man ha-zeh.

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Who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors
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Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech ha-o-lam she-he-
chi-ya-nu
ve-ki-ya-ma-nu ve-hi-gi-ya-nu la-ze-man ha-zeh.

נְבָרֵךְ אֶת עֵין הַחַיִּים יוֹצֵרֶת הָעוֹלָם,
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Ne-va-rech et Ein ha-Cha-yim Yo-tzer-et ha-o-lam she-hech-
ya-ta-nu
ve-ki-ya-mat-nu ve-hi-gi-yat-nu la-ze-man ha-zeh.

[On the first night one lights the Menorah, add:]

We praise the Eternal Source of Life,
Who has kept us in life, and sustained us,
and brought us to celebrate this joyous occasion.

Oneg Sponsors

These generous people sponsored onegs during the month of November:

- 3 **Ellie Cohen & Greta Miskatel**,
in honor of their second
anniversary.
- 10 **Virginia Donohue & Mark
Klaiman**, in honor of their first
anniversary.

New Members

Neil Jacob Rosenbaum, Eva Galanes
Rosenbaum & Claudia Rosenbaum
Debra Yates & Suzanne Bojdak
Steven Diller
Heather Fox

Camp Swig Family Weekend

A CSZ Extended Family Weekend at Camp Swig is being planned for March 8-10, 1996.

Details will appear in the January *Gaily Forward* but be sure to save that weekend on your calendars.

November Va'ad Meeting Minutes

Rabbi's remarks and report: The rabbi spoke of his sadness about leaving CSZ, and the recent deaths of Yitzhak Rabin and Sidney Rosenthal our member, who donated the new memorial board. Sidney unfortunately was unable to attend the dedication before his death.

Environmental Action Committee proposal: Brian Besser and Barak Gale's proposal to create a new committee to support environmental activism in the Bay Area, the U.S., and in Israel was approved.

Building Task Force findings: The task force got blueprints and a cost estimate drawn up pro-bono for remodeling the current CSZ building, including excavation of the basement to move the oneg/community room and create two small classrooms; handicapped access to the sanctuary and basement areas; seismic improvements, and expansion of the sanctuary backward to include the current oneg space (which would give us an estimated 75 additional seats). This work, estimated at more than \$500,000, would take six months during which we'd need to rent elsewhere. The Va'ad voted against pursuing the remodeling option any further, and requested that the task group complete a primary needs assessment for a new space by May.

Employment policy review and action: The Va'ad continued to discuss the policy of whether members could be considered when advertising for and hiring paid employees and contract workers.

Chanukah update: The party will be held Sunday, Dec. 17, 3:30 pm, at Sherith Israel, and will include a raffle, clown, gourmet latke-making demo and dancing.

Administrator's report: The office has experienced major computer crises lately, and needs new software/professional support ASAP.

WCGLJ Conference planning: Suggestions are needed about what topics, issues, etc. should be covered at the Regional World Congress Conference to be held here and sponsored by CSZ next year.

Rabbi Search Committee: The committee was appointed and approved by the Va'ad. (See article in this issue.)

Save the Date!

CSZ will be hosting the 6th Western Regional Conference of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Jews in San Francisco, November 1-3, 1996, at the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway. We are expecting more than 200 participants from the Western U.S., Western Canada and Mexico (and possibly beyond).

This will be a great opportunity to meet with other gay, lesbian and bisexual Jews at workshops, panels, services and social events.

The conference planning committee is seeking input from the congregation at this early stage on the theme of the conference, workshop topics and workshop leaders. If you have ideas for the conference or would like to participate in the planning, please contact Lane Schickler (255-9679) or Rose Katz (431-2093).

There will be many more opportunities to get involved as we draw closer to the conference date, but this is your chance to influence the theme and early development stages of conference planning. Help make the conference the best that San Francisco and CSZ have to offer!

Rabbi Search Committee Formed

President David Stein has appointed the following 12 members of CSZ to serve as the Rabbi Search Committee: Robin Leonard and Allan Gold (co-chairs), Daniel Chesir, Gail Friedlander, Liz Goodman, Howard Herman, Ida Kuluk, Susan Lubeck, Ora Prochovnick, Richard Sinkoff, Rob Tat and Larry Wexler. Mike Rankin will be serving as an ad hoc consultant.

These CSZ members represent the broad range of diversity in our congregation: men and women; gay and straight; parents and those without children; younger and older; long-time and newer members; Jews-by-choice and those raised secular, Reform, Conservative and Orthodox.

The Rabbi Search Committee has been given the following seven-point charge:

1. Assess our rabbinical and pastoral needs.
2. Assess our congregational profile following UAHC guidelines.
3. Draw up suitable job description(s) for position(s) to satisfy our needs.

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To the Editor:

The day after the Rabin assassination, Sister Rose Marie Hennessey, Prioress General of the Dominican Order of Nuns, called to express her sorrow. She is a wonderful friend of many years who has worshipped with me at Sha'ar Zahav. Rose wanted to hold a memorial service in the convent chapel and asked me to provide a Jewish prayer.

The irony of Eil Malei Rachamim being chanted by Dominicans, the order primarily responsible for the Inquisition in Spain, Portugal, and their colonies, was not lost on either of us. But neither was the hope and reconciliation exemplified by this simple act of kindness. Rabin would have loved it.

Hope and reconciliation were the hallmarks of the later years of Yitzhak Rabin's life. May the memory of this splendid man, this maker of peace, be for a blessing.

—Mike Rankin

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and their supporters in the United States. It is increasingly clear that the assassin justified his actions because he had been taught that his intentions were endorsed by Jewish law. This variety of Jewish fundamentalism can be as dangerous as Christian or Islamic fundamentalism. It requires our strong and organized opposition.

Congressional leaders need to know of our unwavering support for the peace process in Israel. Israel needs to know of our support for the peace process in particular and of our wider commitment to a Jewish homeland which tolerates diversity and respects the civil rights of all its citizens. It is also important to voice our opposition to the religious right's undue influence on the personal and public life of the citizenry of the nation.

There are many worthy organizations which are working with concerned Israelis to achieve these goals; a primary vehicle is ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America. ARZA is the voice of Reform Judaism—our voice—in Israel and in Washington. Your new or renewed membership in ARZA is an important route to honor the memory and continue the unfinished work of Yitzhak Rabin. Please call the CSZ office for more information.

Yehi zecher tzadik livracha. The memory of a righteous person is for blessing. Shalom, Chaver.

Members' Yahrzeits

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President's Column

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ity to crystallize complex issues and convey them spontaneously, reminding us always who we are and where we need to go, what changes need to be made and how we should grow.

Even though Rabbi Kahn plans to leave on June 30, 1996, the challenge that presents us is here now. We want to celebrate our changes and growth while Yoel Kahn is our rabbi. We plan special shabbat services, discussion groups, classes, visitors, and of course some food. But there are other specific actions and decisions that need to be made to ensure healthy change and direct our continuing growth.

In thinking about these things, I am reminded of an address delivered by Barbara Jordan to a Democratic Party convention a few years back. She eloquently spoke of the need for change and growth, but challenged those present to ask themselves: A change from what to what? What are we now and what do we want to become? Heady but necessary questions. We are a new audience for her questions. Our Long Range Planning Committee has asked itself and us these questions in general terms and has presented us with some hypothetical concrete options. Now it is time, however, to ask very specific questions regarding our rabbinic needs.

It is the president's responsibility, with Va'ad approval, to form a Rabbi Search Committee, to set out its charge and time frame for decision making. I have asked Robin Leonard and Allan Gold to chair this all-important committee for us. The ten additional members, reflecting the diversity of our congregational membership, are listed elsewhere in this issue.

The two-part charge we give it is this. First, evaluate our rabbinic needs now and five to ten years from now, compose a job description for a position to satisfy those needs, and then obtain Va'ad approval for these things. Second, advertise, interview, deliberate, and recommend a candidate for rabbi, seeking Va'ad approval so that the Va'ad can go to the congregation for final approval, according to the procedures outlined in our bylaws.

As if this task were not complicated enough, I also plan to ask the Rabbi Search Committee during its evaluation of our needs to entertain the option that we may need (or, must have) additional rabbinic/educational staff beyond a full-time rabbi. Our needs may warrant and demand this increase in staff, and the impact this growth has on our financial position should be obvious to each member and friend of our congregation.

All this will take a little time. I will charge the Rabbi Search Committee to complete its task and have a rabbi for us by Tu B'shvat 5757 (early spring 1997), just as the almond trees begin to blossom here and along the road to Jerusalem.

Shinui is used in Hebrew to refer to transitions. We are in a period of *shinui* now. However, our congregation is so

strong, in numbers and volunteers, and so rich in commitment and dedication, I know you share with me the security that this provides us during this period of transition.

Office Automation Project

We have embarked on a needs assessment concerning the automation of our office procedures, record keeping and bookkeeping systems. Steve Weitz has volunteered to coordinate the hardware and software search taking into account our accounting procedures and the needs of our staff, rabbi and various committees for access to records and record keeping.

We are pleased to announce that, in honor of their kiddushin, our members Mark Vogel and Bill Denebeim have donated the first seed money to help us convert our office information system to a computer system suitable for our needs in the 21st century. The money will be deposited in our Building Fund, earmarked for this project. They hope others join them in underwriting this project. And we thank them for their generous gift and continued support of our congregation.

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To **Lyssa Friedman** on her new position as Nurse Manager of the Alta Bates Outpatient Cancer Center.

To **Mark Bowers** on his new position with the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

To **Ilana Bernstein, Diane Desmond and brother Desmond Bernstein** on the birth of **Anna Claire Desmond Bernstein**.

To **Jeff Rubin** on his new position as assistant manager with Say Cashmere.

To **Isaac Chotiner-Whitebook** on becoming bar mitzvah.

To **David Shaber** on the display of his paintings at Sweet Inspirations.

To both **Richard and Susan Goldwasser** on passing their Medical Boards in Child Psychiatry.

To **Irene Ogus** on the publication of her short story "And the Winner is..." in *Out in all Directions, The Almanac of Gay and Lesbian America*.

To **Susan Stahl** on her new position as an Associate with Family Resource Psychotherapy Centers, a psychology corporation in San Mateo.

To **Lynn Eden and Ruth Schoenbach** on their tenth anniversary.

To **Liz Goodman and Ellen Lewin** on their fifth anniversary.

To **Doug Okun** on receiving his MBA from Stanford University (sorry we missed you before).

To **Mike Rankin** who already serves on the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Advisory Committee for the White House, on being appointed to the President's Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS.

To former CSZ member **Lina Zerbarini** who is serving as a rabbinical intern at Congregation Beth Simchat Torah in New York.

Contributions

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Mike Rankin, with thanks to Walt Leiss and Willis Lowe for once again hosting Mike Rankin and the East Bay Vets at the Third Annual Rambam Birthday Bash and Fiestaware Regatta at the River.

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Children's Education Fund

Paul Cohen & Bob Gutterman, in memory of Sidney Rosenthal.

Education Fund

Ann F. Biderman, in appreciation of Claudia Bernard's assistance.

General Fund

David Weinstein, to celebrate the lives of Jeanne and Paul Weinstein.

David Stein & Alex Ingersoll, in memory of Albert and Fannie Stein.

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Martin Freund.

Gerald B. Rosenstein

Arnie Jackson, in memory of Louis Jackson.

Dutch Mikuls

Andrew Gans

Eve Meyer and Jim Edlin, in memory of Marion Meyer, Ron Green and Renato de Leon.

Donald Abrams

Allen Harris & David Gary, in memory of Philip Yanofsky.

Dale & Joanne Woolley, in honor of Nina Jo Smith.

Mark Bowers, in memory of Harry and Marjorie Bowers.

Gerald B. Rosenstein, in honor of Allan Berenstein's 50th birthday.

Perry Paker, in memory of Isidore Paker.

Lee Morrow, in memory of Marc Wald.

Kaiser Brunch Fund

Sam Thal, in honor of the chamber musicians at the Kaiser brunches.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Mrs. Judith Saltzman

Dvora Honigstein, in memory of Adam Honigstein.

Amy Weston & Bonnie Bishop, in thanks for Rabbi Kahn's participation in Michael Isaac's naming.

Mark Mackler, in honor of Mark Klaiman & Virginia Donohue's first anniversary.

Marion Trentman, in appreciation of Rabbi Kahn.

Dvora Honigstein, in honor of Amy Weston, Bonnie Bishop and Benjamin Weston on the naming of Michael Isaac Weston.

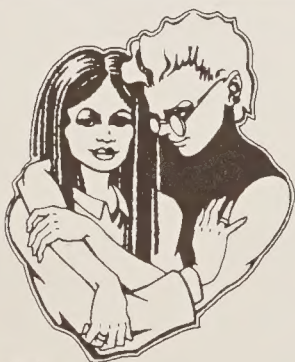
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Oneg Schedule

As described in the October, 1995 *Forward*, every CSZ member who lives in the immediate Bay Area has been assigned to volunteer at **one** oneg each year. The schedule for the next two months is below. (If you have asked the synagogue to not print your name in the newsletter, your name will not appear on the schedule; however, you are still assigned for the week where your name falls alphabetically.) You'll also be called or sent a postcard reminding you that your week is coming up. Volunteering means:

- set up the oneg (come at 7:30 and put up hot water, pour juice/wine, set out food)
- clean up the oneg (put away food/drinks, collect plates, wash dishes, wipe off tables), or

December 1

J. Becker
J. Behr
M. Bekker
A. Berenstein
J. Berkowitz & S. Connell
S. Berlin
C. Bernard & H. Herman

December 8

I. Bernstein & D. Desmond
R. Bernstein & S. Mizner
B. Besser
M. Bettinger
A. Biderman
B. Billinkoff
B. Bishop & A. Weston

December 15

M. Blachman & A. Gentile
P. Blanc & G. Sokol
N. Bloom
A. Blumenfeld

December 22

M. Bowers
R. Brand
A. Brandstein
G. Braverman
L. Brill
B. Brown & J. Choinn

December 29

M. Brown
C. Bryan
D. Buchbinder
P. Byers & E. Dunn

- bring food (cookies, cake, kugel, cut vegetables, fruit or whatever you want, as long as it's vegetarian).

Please call the oneg chair, Allan Gianini, at 255-8117 a week in advance to confirm what you want to do. We'll provide instructions for people setting up and cleaning up.

Participation each week is on a first-come, first-served basis, with the primary goal being getting enough people to set up and clean up. If you have circumstances which make it impossible for you to ever help with an oneg, please let Allan know.

If you have volunteered at an oneg since August 4, 1995, you have fulfilled your 1995-1996 oneg obligation and can ignore your name when it appears.

Jan. 5

H. Carrey
T. Chalmers
A. Chandler
P. Charney
S. Charney
D. Chasnoff & K. Klausner
M. Chertok
D. Chesir

Jan. 12

B. Choden & L. Scott
A. Cohen
A. Cohen
E. Cohen & G. Miskatel
J. Cohen
M. Cohen
M. Cohen
P. Cohen & B. Gutterman

Jan. 19

R. Cohen
S. Comerchero
J. Comisar
C. Costello & A. Hall
D. Couch & N. Halloran
R. Crane
B. Cymrot & D. Wu

Jan. 26

A. Daniels & J. Zingman
J. Davidson
J. Davidson
S. Davis
P. de Haan & R. Rainero
W. Denebeim & M. Vogel

Our Man In D.C.

CSZ member and past president Mike Rankin, a long-time social activist, was recently appointed to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS as well as the Presidential Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues. In addition Mike served this past year on the President's Commission on Aging.

His recent public service comes as no surprise given his history. Mike has always provided progressive leadership and actively supported liberation causes whether as a Navy Captain in the Vietnam War, a citizen marching for civil rights in Selma, Alabama, a psychiatrist for the Veterans Administration, or testifying at hearings which challenge the military's dismissal of lesbian or gay servicemembers.

Mike also served as Director of Mental Health for the State of Arkansas when President Clinton was Governor. He has run an ongoing support group for HIV+ Veterans for the last seven years and served on the national UAHC Council on HIV/AIDS.

Given Mike's extensive work with HIV/AIDS care as well as with the lesbian/gay/bisexual community, it is reassuring that he will be representing us on these important committees in Washington, D.C.

Congratulations, Mike, and thank you for all your hard work. You have an unparalleled generosity.

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Irwin Phases Out Blood Credits

Several members have recently inquired about the amount of blood in the Sha'ar Zahav account at Irwin Memorial Blood Bank. They have learned that since the spring of 1994, Irwin, like blood banks across the country, has been phasing out credits (also known as the blood replacement program) to help control the costs of health care and keep prices down for both hospitals and patients.

The need for a safe, readily available blood supply remains high, however, particularly in our community. People are living longer and being treated for heart disease, cancer, AIDS and other diseases which require the support of blood transfusions, and trauma centers must continue to be fully stocked at all times.

Irwin needs 400 units of blood per day, and all persons who are able to do so are encouraged to donate on a regular basis. Your primary reward will be knowing that you are helping someone in need or giving thanks for the availability of blood when someone you know needed it.

Mitzvah Opportunity

Can you give an occasional lift to CSZ members who need a ride to the doctor on weekdays? Disabled or ill members without transportation options need a helping hand once in a while. If you can give a ride once, once in a while or more frequently, please call Lea Salem in the CSZ office (861-6932) and ask to be put on our "on-call" list.

Third Annual Kung Pao Kosher Comedy

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, our member Lisa Geduldig will produce and host the third annual Evening of Kung Pao Kosher Comedy™. Due to the overwhelming response from last year's event, and to keep up with the demand for tickets, Lisa has added two shows on Christmas Day. This year's shows feature two of the country's top Jewish comedians—Cathy Ladman and Jaffe Cohen. The event will take place at Hunan Restaurant, 924 Sansome Street in San Francisco. Each night features two shows—a dinner show and a cocktail show. This year the event will benefit two Bay Area organizations: The Family Link—a hospitality house for visiting families of people with AIDS, and the Jewish Film Festival. Tickets are available from BASS (510-762-BASS or 408-998-BASS) and Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia Street, San Francisco.

Phyllis Mintzer on Educators' Council

Phyllis Mintzer, Principal of CSZ's Kadi-mah, is participating in the Bureau of Jewish Education's Educators' Council for the 1995-96 academic year. For the first time, a synagogue principal, Beverly Pinto of Congregation Kol Shofar, was selected as chair. This council meets monthly to discuss issues in education, share ideas and plan professional development programs for both teachers and principals.

New Environmental Action Committee at CSZ

On Nov. 13, the Va'ad voted to establish an Environmental Action Committee. We feel strongly that environmental action and responsibility are an important part of Tikkun Olam. Our goals are to examine our environmental responsibility in a Jewish light and to encourage such responsibility within the congregation and on a more global scale.

We are deeply concerned that the quality of human life and the earth we inhabit are in danger, and that the poor suffer disproportionately. Any member interested in joining the committee please call the office.

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4. Obtain Va'ad approval for the job description(s).

5. Advertise, evaluate applicants, interview possible candidates, deliberate and select.

6. Recommend to the Va'ad candidate(s) for approval and recommendation to the congregation.

7. Obtain approval from the congregation.

Our work will be highly confidential, although we will be meeting one-on-one with many congregational members and will provide opportunities for input from all members of the congregation.

We hope that a full-time rabbi will begin at CSZ by Tu B'shvat 5757 (spring 1997).

Open Hand

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ing your participation.

Project Open Hand serves more than 1,800 clients with AIDS daily in San Francisco and the East Bay. Many of our members and friends are benefitting from this wonderful service. Clients are assured of a hot meal daily and caregivers are spared from being stretched beyond their limits.

If you are unable to participate on Christmas Eve or Day, but are interested in supporting Project Open Hand in other ways, please check the last box on the sign-up sheet.

If you have any questions, please call Stephan Howard (567-2886) or Virginia Donohue (282-2005).

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Birthdays For This Month

- 1 Benajmin Dickstein
- 3 Sophie Macks
- 4 Paul Quin
- 6 Karen Fierer
- 6 Michelle Dickstein
- 6 Daniel Alpert
- 7 Debbi Jacobs-Levine
- 8 Merry Luskin
- 8 George Lucas
- 8 Daniel Rodas
- 9 Sara Felder Noily
- 9 Chaya Rivka Mayerson
- 11 Irina Rivkin
- 12 Bill Goldstein
- 12 Lane Schickler
- 12 Walter Leiss
- 13 Anna Downs
- 14 Aaron Goldman-Maclachlan
- 15 Philip Charney
- 15 Nina Raff
- 15 Ron Lezell
- 15 Laura Strauss
- 19 Theodora Mauro
- 19 Kenneth Altman
- 19 David Shaber
- 20 Michele Sullivan
- 23 Allyn Stern
- 23 Evan Kuluk
- 23 Daniel Rosenfeld
- 24 Max Blachman-Gentile
- 24 Drew Parker
- 24 Jasmine Marah
- 25 G'dali Braverman
- 26 Anne Bluethenthal
- 26 Ruthy Talansky
- 26 Jose Luis Moscovich
- 26 Daniel Meyer-O'Keeffe
- 27 Rick Shelton
- 29 Reuben Winters Raff
- 29 Susan Gelmis
- 29 John Bachert
- 29 Bernard Choden
- 30 Stan Kern
- 31 Sam Thal
- 31 Gerard Llamado
- 31 G. Lindsey Hauptman



HIV+ Support Group

CSZ has ongoing support services for members living with HIV/AIDS and their families and partners. In December, we'll meet Friday, December 15, at 6 pm and we'll share Shabbat dinner at the home of a member (location TBA).

If you have any questions about this or future events, or would like to put your name on our confidential mailing list, please call Amy or Rabbi Kahn at the office (861-6932).

Youth Chavurah With a Twist

Because our youth are as busy as their parents, we are restructuring the Youth Chavurah program this year. Instead of biweekly meetings, we will spend three weekends together, doing a range of activities. This way, everyone will have enough time to plan to attend the events, the students will get quality time together and the advisor can plan a variety of projects we all can take part in. If you have questions or comments, please call Dana Katz, Youth Chavurah Advisor at the CSZ office.

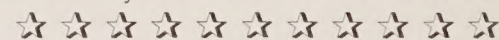
Camper Applications

It's time to start thinking about Jewish residential camp for your youngsters for the summer of 1996. Financial aid, made available by the Jewish Community Federation Newhouse Fund, is administered through the Bureau of Jewish Education. Financial aid applications for camps Arazim, Moshava, Ramah, Swig, Tawonga and Young Judea-West will be available at the end of December through the CSZ office or by calling Alia Borokhov-ich (751-6983, ext. 107). Applications must be returned to the camps by the beginning of March 1996.



Anniversaries For This Month

- 1 Liz Goodman & Ellen Lewin
- 8 Theodora Mauro & Pam Miller
- 9 Judith Scherr & Lynne Painter
- 11 Karen Fierer & Ellen Scott
- 12 Michael Pierce & Jeffrey Franzheimer
- 13 Gabriele Kassner & Shelley Spiro
- 13 Pieter de Haan & Ruth Rainero
- 17 Bonnie Bishop & Amy Weston
- 18 Joan Goldman & Rachael Maclachlan
- 24 Lucy Fine & Shuli Goodman
- 28 Shelley Adler & Sue Weinstein
- 31 Florence & Steven Nacamulli
- 31 Laura Lowe & Karen Brandman
- 31 Lynn Eden & Ruth Schoenbach



Condolences

We extend condolences to:

Nina Wouk, on the death of her friend, Diana Robbins.

Claudia Bernard, on the death of her friend, Diana Robbins.

Molly Singer, on the death of her aunt, Zelda Elkins.

Nina Jo Smith, on the death of her friend, Eric Garber.

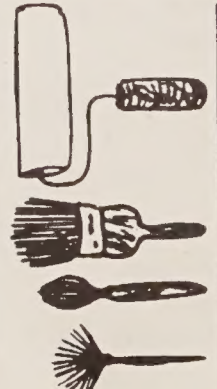
Ellen Goldstein, on the death of her friend, John McFarland.

Julie Moed, on the death of her friend, Frank Teramani.

Laurie Hauer, on the death of her father, Stan Hauer.

Roberta Rosenthal and her entire family on the death of Roberta's brother and CSZ member Sidney Rosenthal.

The memory of the righteous is for a blessing.



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Mitzvah Opportunity: A Good Way to Start the Year

CSZ members have the opportunity to help prepare and serve dinner at a homeless shelter on January 10, 11, 12, and 13. The temporary shelter will be located at St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Ave.

The Interfaith Council is asking CSZ to gather volunteers to prepare dinner each night as well as four adults to serve the food and clean up. Please sign up with Dana Katz, Program Coordinator, at the CSZ office, by January 1, or call with any questions.

Eat well and perform a mitzvah!

Out of Our Kitchen Closets: San Francisco Gay Jewish Cooking

CSZ's critically acclaimed cookbook is available from the CSZ office or gift shop.

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CSZ donates \$3.00 from the sale of each book to the Project Open Hand Food Bank, which provides nonperishable items to people with AIDS. To date, we have given in excess of \$17,000.

Synagogue Information

Rabbi Yoel Kahn

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Newsletter, by committee
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Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.

Office Hours: Monday–Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. Please call the synagogue office at 861-6932.

Emergency Number: In an emergency, the congregation can be contacted outside of office hours by calling 861-6938.

Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have the rabbi or a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Mike Rankin, Robin Leonard, liaisons) and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations (Lane Schickler, liaison).

Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am—check calendar for each month. Morning Minyan meets Mondays at 8:30 am.

Gift Shop Hours: Fridays, 7:30–8:05 pm.

Library Hours: Open during office hours, and 30 minutes before and after Friday night services.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th and Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th and Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

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 Dann Gartner, Iser Schwartz
 & Rebecca Schwartz
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 Don Gerstman
 Annette Goldberg
 Jonathan Goldman, in honor of
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 instrumentalists
 Darren Gooderman
 Liz Goodman & Ellen Lewin
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 Stan Gurfinkle
 Kirsten Gustavson & Amy
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 Laurie Hauer
 G. Lindsey Hauptman, in
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 Sam Chamoff
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 Sylvia Weisenberg's move to
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 festive break fast
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 second birthday of Jesse
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 marriage of Hal Podgur's
 daughter, Marcie
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 Walter Leiss for his
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 & Mark Klaiman
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 honor of Robin Leonard &
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 David Rosenthal & Jim Gloor

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 Ben Schatz
 Joel Schechter
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 Martha Sobel Schiff
 Debby Schlanger
 Mauri Schwartz, in memory of
 Joseph Cohen
 Darren Seaton
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 and participants
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 of Gustav Shotland
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 Robert S. Wall, M.D., in honor
 of Ralph & Joyce Wall
 Alisa Weiner & Alison Scott, in
 memory of Joseph Weiner
 and Daniel Scott
 Marcia Weisman
 Stephanie Weisman
 Craig Weisner & Derrick
 Kikuchi
 Marcy Whitebook
 James Wilson
 Jeannie Witkin
 Christine Witzel
 Michael Zimmerman
 Ami Zusman

1 Friday 8 Kislev

- 7 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat, early service: Tiela Chalmers and Rabbi Kahn
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Kathy Simon, Yona Barth-Rogers, Lane Schickler

2 Saturday 9 Kislev

- 9:30 am, Kadimah Parent Education, Curriculum Survey
- 9:30 am, Kadimah

3 Sunday 10 Kislev

4 Monday 11 Kislev

- 8:30 am, Morning Minyan
- 6 pm, Healing service

5 Tuesday 12 Kislev

6 Wednesday 13 Kislev

- 7:15 pm, Beginning Prayerbook Hebrew 1B
- 8:30 pm, Jewish Faith & Heritage

7 Thursday 14 Kislev

8 Friday 15 Kislev

- 7:30 pm, Niggun service
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Rabbi Kahn & Jonathan Funk, Randy Weiss, violin

9 Saturday 16 Kislev

- 9:30 am, Kadimah
- 10 am, Shabbat service: Rabbi Kahn, Batya Kalis and Martha Rosett; bat mitzvah Yona Barth-Rogers

10 Sunday 17 Kislev

11 Monday 18 Kislev

- 8:30 am, Morning Minyan
- 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting

12 Tuesday 19 Kislev

- Project Open Hand sign-up deadline

13 Wednesday 20 Kislev

- 7 pm, Newsletter editing
- 7:15 pm, Beginning Prayerbook Hebrew 1B
- 8:30 pm, Jewish Faith & Heritage

14 Thursday 21 Kislev

15 Friday 22 Kislev

- 6 pm, HIV+ support group
- 8:15 pm, East Bay service: Rabbi Kahn
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Jonathan Comisar & Mike Rankin

16 Saturday 23 Kislev

- Chanukah party in evening
- 9:30 am, Kadimah Chanukah program, parents encouraged
- 4:30 pm, Torah study/Havdalah/potluck

17 Sunday 24 Kislev

Chanukah first candle

- 10:30 am, Chanukah preschool party
- 3:30 pm, Chanukah party at Sherith Israel

18 Monday 25 Kislev

- 8:30 am, Morning Minyan
- 6 pm, Healing service
- 7 pm, Newsletter layout

19 Tuesday 26 Kislev

- 7 pm, Membership Committee meeting

20 Wednesday 27 Kislev

21 Thursday 28 Kislev

- 6:30 pm, Bikkur Cholim meeting

22 Friday 29 Kislev

- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Rabbi Kahn and Eileen Levy

23 Saturday 30 Kislev

- No Kadimah, winter recess

24 Sunday 1 Tevet

Chanukah eighth candle

25 Monday 2 Tevet

- 8:30 am, Morning Minyan

26 Tuesday 3 Tevet

27 Wednesday 4 Tevet

28 Thursday 5 Tevet

- 6:30 pm, Ritual Committee meeting
- 7 pm, Newsletter distribution

29 Friday 6 Tevet

- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service, Lyssa Friedman and Tova Green, Torah service

30 Saturday 7 Tevet

- No Kadimah, winter recess

31 Sunday 8 Tevet

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The Jewish Community Joins Forces To Help Project Open Hand

Join Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, the AIDS Project of Jewish Family and Children's Services, and our friends in the Bay Area Jewish community on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for a few hours of performing a wonderful mitzvah.

We will be preparing and delivering meals for Project Open Hand's clients, people with AIDS.

There are 110 volunteer slots this year in San Francisco and the East Bay (Berkeley, Emeryville and Oakland).

You must sign up by December 12 to participate in this rewarding volunteer effort. Please complete this form and make a copy for yourself.

To volunteer in San Francisco, return the form to:

**Stephan Howard
22 Terra Vista Avenue #D1
San Francisco, CA 94115
567-2886**

To volunteer in the East Bay, return the form to:

**Pat Curran
Project Open Hand
5720 Shattuck Ave.
Oakland, CA 94609
510/596-8200**

Feel free to call Stephan or Pat with any questions or to sign up by phone if this form will not arrive by December 12.

Please print clearly

Adult(s): _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Car? _____

Deliveries are done by teams of at least two adults.

If you don't have a car, we will pair you with a driver.

How did you hear about this project? _____

Shift Availability

*Please check **all** shifts for which you are available.*

Can you do more than one shift? _____

How many? _____ Same day? _____ Different days? _____

		Sunday	Monday
San Francisco		Dec. 24	Dec. 25
Food preparation:	8:30am – Noon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food packaging:	Noon – 3:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver meals:	See below*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food preparation:	5 – 8 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	No shift

East Bay

Deliver meals: See below* No shift ☐

**Meal delivery routes take approximately two hours to complete. You must arrive no earlier than 3:30 pm and no later than 5 pm.*

Orientation Sessions

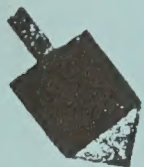
All first-time meal delivery volunteers must be oriented before beginning their routes. Ongoing orientation sessions will be given at Project Open Hand's offices on both December 24 and 25 from 3 to 5 pm. Please allow at least 20 minutes extra for your training.

Confirmations

Please do not show up at Project Open Hand's offices unless you have received a written or phone confirmation from Stephan or Pat (approximately one week before Christmas).

Sorry ...

- ☐ I cannot participate on either of these days but I would like to know how I can help at other times during the holiday season. Please call Jen at Project Open Hand San Francisco (252-2731). For the East Bay, call Pat (510/596-8200).



CSZ Celebrates The First Night of Chanukah!

December 17 from 3:30—6:30

at Congregation Sherith Israel
2266 California St. in San Francisco

Chanukah Clown at 4pm, for children of all ages

Special visit from the "Latke Gourmet," who will teach us
to make gourmet latkes at 5pm

Candlelighting at 5:30pm

Raffle Drawing at 6pm for a round trip ticket for two to
anywhere in the United States!

Join us for afternoon nibbles: latkes, hummos, and veggies
Gelt and Dreidles

Bring your own chanukiah, candles, and matches

The Gift Shop will be open during the party—prepare for the next 7 nights



*\$6 Members, \$8 Non-Members
Pre-B'nei mitzvah kids free*

Come Celebrate with us!



If you can help out with the Chanukah party please call Dana Katz, our
Program Coordinator, at 861-6932.

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Preschool-Age Kids Celebrate Chanukah!

**December 17 from 10:30 am—12:30 pm
in the CSZ oneg room**

**Come sing Chanukah songs, hear the Chanukah story told,
and make Chanukah crafts!**

Latkes and other goodies will be served.



If you can help out with the Pre-school Chanukah party, please call Dana Katz, our Program Coordinator, at 861-6932.